Upon request of five Board members and at the call of Mrs. Beatrice Walton Sackett, Vice President, a special meeting of the State Board of Higher Education of the State of Oregon was held at the Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon at 11:00 a.m. on January 6, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President of the Board, Mrs. Beatrice Walton Sackett, and on roll call the following answered present:

Leif S. Finseth  Beatrice Walton Sackett
R. E. Kleinsorge  E. C. Sammons
Robert W. Ruhl  Edgar W. Smith

Absent: R. C. Groesbeck, Mac Hoke and Willard L. Marks.

Mr. Marks was unable to be present because of illness; Mr. Hoke had a previous speaking engagement; and Mr. Groesbeck was unable to arrange transportation.

There were also present Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter and Dr. Charles D. Byrne, Secretary of the Board.

The reading of the minutes of the meeting on December 14, 1943 were postponed until the next regular meeting.

Vice President Sackett outlined the purpose of the special meeting and indicated that Mr. Smith had a memorial resolution to offer regarding the death of Dr. Donald M. Erb, President of the University. Mr. Smith presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

In deepest sorrow the members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education record the sudden and untimely passing of one of their most distinguished and devoted associates, DONALD MILTON ERB. As a former professor, and for five and one-half years president of the University of Oregon, his modest character, his pure motives, and his magnetic personality endowed that institution and the state of Oregon with much of the physical and mental vigor that characterized all of his life. He possessed to an unusual degree all of the qualities essential to leadership. His love of learning, his devotion to principle, and his high moral sense endeared him, not only to the staff of his
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college, but also to all members of the entire system
of higher education, and to the citizens of Eugene and
the state. His knowledge of human nature, his profound
scholarship, and the excellence of his judgment enabled
him to make his influence an inspiration to all students
with whom he came in contact and inculcated in them a
love of truth and learning.

Let this memorial be spread upon the records of the Ore-
gon State Board of Higher Education, and copies be sent
to his family and to the University of Oregon.

The Board approved the resolution and directed that copies be
sent to Dr. Erb's family and to the University of Oregon.

COMMUNICATION
FROM ASSOC. OF INDEPEND.
COL. OF ORE.

The Chancellor presented a letter from Edward L. Clark, Secre-
tary of the Association of Independent Colleges of Oregon, ex-
pressing the sympathy of the Association in the passing of Dr.
Erb. The Secretary was asked to acknowledge the letter.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Appointment of Prof. Orlando Hollis as Acting President of the University of Oregon

"The tragic death of Dr. Erb makes it highly important for the Board and its central executive office to take steps immediately to preserve as far as possible the great gains of his administration. The integration of the University of Oregon internally and the consequent harmonious progress achieved in its relationship to the other institutions of the System should be safeguarded by every possible means. Accordingly, I have consulted fully with the Advisory Council of the University, which more than any other group is intimately familiar with the unfinished business of the President's Office, with all of the Administrative Deans and other faculty leaders, with a view toward recommending to the Board the most appropriate step for continuing the executive, centralized administrative authority that has been so evident since the inception of Dr. Erb's regime. It is important, in my judgment, to place a competent person in charge of the President's Office as Acting President immediately. Problems of great importance are nearing solution. These may be completed and recommended to the Board for action under a leadership that fully understands the objectives and methods of procedure of Dr. Erb's administra-
tion. Such an Acting President should have the full power of office during his period of service, even though it is fully recognized that such appointment is only of a tempo-
rary nature."
I recommend therefore that Professor Orlando Hollis, Acting Dean of the Law School of the University of Oregon be designated as Acting President of the University, beginning January 6, 1944, at a salary of $7,500 a year; that his appointment as Acting President be understood to carry no commitments or implications of any kind affecting the selection of a permanent President; that he be given the full power of the office during his period of service, with the understanding that except for emergencies, his administration will be confined chiefly to policies and plans already decided upon; and that as soon as possible Professor Hollis should be relieved of his teaching load, his committee duties, and all other functions which would interfere with his ability to give full time to the office of Acting President. It will not be necessary to include the use of the President's house and other perquisites available to the permanent President.

May I further recommend that the Board proceed to inaugurate a plan immediately for the selection of a permanent president as speedily as possible in conformity with a thorough study of the field and the selection of the ablest, possible leader to carry on the great work of the University as established under Dr. Erb's administration."

Upon motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Finseth, the Board voted to approve the report as submitted by the Chancellor and elected Professor Orlando Hollis as Acting President of the University of Oregon, in accordance with the terms recommended by the Chancellor.

APPOINTMENT OF W. G. BEATTIE AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF GENERAL EXTENSION

The Chancellor reported that Dr. John F. Cramer, Dean and Director-elect of the General Extension Division would be unable to report for active duty until July 1, 1944. He recommended the appointment of Professor W. G. Beattie, at present Assistant Director, as Acting Director of the General Extension Division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, effective January 1, 1944 and continuing through June 30, 1944. Because of the added responsibility, he recommended that Professor Beattie be paid an additional sum of $400 for the 6 month period, funds for the adjustment to come from the unused salary allotment in the General Extension budgets.

The Board approved the appointment of Professor Beattie as Acting Director of the General Extension Division under the terms recommended by the Chancellor.
CHANCELLOR'S REPORT OF CONFERENCE WITH CHURCHILL MURRAY

The Chancellor reported on a conference and correspondence he had with Mr. Churchill Murray, Office of Coordinator, Inter-American Affairs. He indicated the possibility of securing a grant of $1,000 to cover the expense of a lecture series and other services for the institutions of the State System. He asked the approval of the Board for filing an application for this grant.

The Board authorized the Chancellor to file the application as recommended.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Beatrice Walton Sackett, Vice President

Charles D. Byrne, Secretary